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Investigative Supplement*

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On 23 May 2000, I was sent by Sgt. Tom Madden, # 1054 NPD, to 1082 Pebblebrook Dr. Noblesville, IN to assist Officer Craig Pittman, # 1119 NPD, in conducting a Death Scene Investigation.

Upon my arrival at the residence, I was met by Officer Pittman, Penny M. Siml (DOB: 01-14-67 SOC: 333-72-3513) and her husband, Dean A. Hoover (DOB: 07-12-64 SOC: 385-84-0656). The victim/deceased was also present in the basement bedroom, lying on his back with a blanket placed over his body. The victim is tentatively identified as a Robert Paul Hoquim (DOB: 05-14-55 SOC: 498-68-0307 IN OLN: 8501-09-6103). This personal identifier information is not confirmed, as the information is coming back as "Not on File" via IDACS/NCIC Indiana BMV Computer.

Both Siml and Hoover are married and live at the residence with Mr. Hoquim. Siml and Hoover's 6 year-old daughter also lives at the residence. Siml, Hoover, and their daughter all live on the main floor and second floor of the residence. Hoquim was a "father figure" to Siml and Hoover. Siml and Hoover both state that they have only known Hoquim for approximately five years and know nothing of any surviving family members of Hoquim nor any Physician information. They also did not know of any other family information for Hoquim.

The only medical information that Siml could advise was that Hoquim told her that he had stomach cancer approximately 10 years ago and was treated with medication and surgery at an unknown location by an unknown doctor. Siml said that Hoquim told her that he was treated at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota at some point and takes Demerol "Tablets" for the cancer condition. Siml also said that Hoquim told her that the cancer had moved into his liver and pancreas recently. Hoquim, Hoover and Siml all race Dodge Vipers and Chevrolet Corvettes for the Hoquim-owned IQUEST Motorsports in the Viper Days Racing Series.

Siml and Hoover both advised that Hoquim was having chest pain so intense the weekend of 20 and 21 May 2000 that he was not able to race in the racing series event in South Carolina. Hoquim refused any medical assistance at the time of the difficulty in South Carolina. Hoquim told Siml that when he got back to Indiana he needed to go to the doctor, however, he had never told Siml or Hoover the name of his doctor.

In reviewing the past of Hoquim, Siml advised that Hoquim told her that he was a Professor of Computer Sciences and Mathematics at Indiana University in the 1980's. This information is not confirmed by independent sources. Hoquim also told her that he was a Naval Officer in the Vietnam War and completed three tours of duty during the war. This information is not confirmed by independent sources. The only long-time friend that Hoquim ever spoke of during his time with Siml and Hoover was a

retired United States Navy Rear Admiral named "Glen Bauman". The Rear Admiral was seen by Siml from time to time generally when there was "problems" with the business. The Rear Admiral was described by Siml as a thin white male, sandy blonde hair with blue or green eyes, normally wearing a suit and carrying a briefcase, approximate age was in his 50's and he was alleged to be living somewhere on the west coast of the United States.

Siml stated that Hoquim went to bed at approximately 2200 hours the night of Monday, 22 May 2000, after having a grape soda to drink, making no mention of having any physical problems. Hoquim has living quarters in the furnished basement of the residence. Siml stated that at approximately 0830 hours on Tuesday, 23 May 2000, she went into Hoquim's room to wake him up. She found him with his feet and knees on the ground, naked, with his arms up around his upper chest or head area, face down on the bed as if he were crawling into bed. He was unresponsive. She pulled him off of the bed and onto the floor in a position where he was lying on his back. His body was limp and lifeless. He did not appear to be breathing. His arms were stuck in approximately the same position that they were when she found Hoquim on the bed. She felt that he was dead. She put a blanket on his body and called 911. NPD then arrived on the scene at 0843 hours.

I observed the overall condition of the scene as neat and orderly in appearance. The bed did not appear to have been slept in as the left corner of the blankets were the only part of the blankets that appeared to have been disturbed as they were pulled back as if the victim were about to get into bed for the evening. The victim was lying on the floor in his bedroom, supine on the floor and face up. He had a blanket over his body. The overall condition of the victim's body appeared to be well preserved. The only abnormalities I observed with his eyes were what appeared to be a small abrasion on the outside of the left eyelid. Additionally, his left index finger was missing. This appeared to be an old injury as the skin had grown over the point of amputation and had appeared to be in that condition for quite a long period of time. His arms were stuck in a position in which they were up around his upper torso or head as if he had his head down, lying on something. There appeared to be some pooling of blood on the back and buttocks, inside the skin. There was an absence of blood and fluid outside of the victim's body. I found no evidence of blood or fluid anywhere inside the basement area of the residence including the shower, bathroom and toilet. The victim's clothing that he apparently wore the day before his death was lying on the sink counter area in the basement bathroom. There was a business card holder also on the sink counter area containing the following items: A later-determined false Indiana Driver's License in the name of Robert Paul Hoquim (DOB: 05-14-55 SOC: 498-68-0307 OLN: 8501-09-6103); A Union Planters Bank Visa Check Card (# 4806 1426 0021 6517); \$1,000.00 in US Currency [(10) - \$100 Bills] inside the card case; \$951 in US Currency [(9) - \$100 Bills, (2) - \$20 Bills, (1) - \$10 Bill, (1) - \$1 Bill] on top of and outside of the card case. I found no evidence of any prescription or illicit drug use in the residence. I found no evidence of any physician information for the victim in the residence. I found no evidence of next-of-kin information in the residence.

Siml contacted a person that Hoquim told her in the past that was his personal attorney, Gordon D. Wishard. Mr. Wishard is an attorney with the law firm of Ice, Miller and Donadio of Indianapolis (TX # 236-2476). Mr. Wishard came to the scene. He told me that he had only seen the victim one time approximately (3) years ago. He stated that Hoquim came to him to have him write a will. Mr. Wishard told me that the will was never signed by Hoquim. Mr. Wishard had no information for me of Hoquim's medical information, next-of-kin information, and knew nothing of Hoquim's past or present personal life.

I found the following items in the armoire of Hoquim's basement bedroom: (1) empty 375ml bottle of Smirnoff Vodka; (1) bottle of Centrum vitamins; (2) empty 750ml bottles of Smirnoff Vodka; and (1) empty 1-liter bottle of Bacardi Rum. In the top drawer of the armoire I found the following items: (1) bottle Melatonin, 3mg; (1) box Orudis KT; (1) box Pepto Bismol tablets; (1) empty Tavis D container; (1) container of (4) Immodium AD tablets; and (1) container of (6) Immodium AD tablets. I found several miscellaneous over-the-counter medications and over-the-counter pain medications and aspirin in Hoquim's desk in the family room of the basement. There were also several empty bottles of Smirnoff Vodka in practically every drawer of the desk.

I spoke to Sgt. Jon Williams on the phone while I was at the scene. He suggested that I contact the Hamilton County Coroner's Office and notify them of the situation that I was encountering and have a representative come to the scene. I did so. Tom Randall of the Hamilton County Coroner's Office came to the scene at approximately 0955 hours and I advised him of the information that I had in regards to the difficulty in confirming the victim's identity and the lack of confirmation of any doctor's information and/or health problem(s). Mr. Randall, at 1005 hours, told me to release the body of the victim to Crown Hill Cemetery. I released the body of the victim to Zalo Wilson, Jr. (DOB: 07-27-64), Assistant Director of Crown Hill Funeral Home, at 1100 hours, 23 May 2000. Chris Osbourne of Crown Hill Funeral Home also assisted Mr. Wilson with the removal of the victim. The victim's body was to be taken to Crown Hill Funeral Home at the request of Siml, Wishard and Tom Randall.

I later received a TX from Mr. Wishard on 23 May 2000. He told me that he found \$ 60,000.00 cash in a briefcase at the residence on Pebblebrook. Mr. Wishard told me that he took that cash to Union Planters Bank and deposited it in the victim's account. Mr. Wishard also told me that he had found (2) firearms belonging to Hoquim. He said that he found one of the firearms at the Iquest Motorsports complex at 17406 Tiller Ct. in Westfield and one at the residence on Pebblebrook. I recovered an unloaded Smith & Wesson .357 Magnum, serial # K522168, at the Iquest Motorsports complex and an unloaded Beretta 92F, 9 mm, serial # E78465Z, at the residence on Pebblebrook. See attached Property Sheet.

According to Siml, Hoquim is the creator of IQUEST Internet, Inc. He had recently, in February 2000, sold the business for a large sum of money. IQUEST Internet, Inc. is the owner of the residence at 1082 Pebblebrook Drive according to records of the Hamilton County Recorder's Office.

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Tom Randall of the Hamilton County Coroner's Office advised that he raised the femoral artery of the victim at Crown Hill Funeral Home in Indianapolis and obtained a blood sample of the victim. Mr. Randall told me that he drew a sample of the victim's blood on 23 May 2000.

Chaplain Dave Nicholson, NPD, was also at the scene to assist Siml and Hoover during the incident.

This investigation is still ongoing in an effort to obtain the confirmed identity of the victim.


Detective Brett A. Reichart # 1066